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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003 (Paper No. 14), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

On Page 21, please substitute for the paragraph of lines 11-18, the following:

- - The OUMS-29 strain as obtained in Example 1 below has been deposited under the Budapest Treaty and assigned accession number FERM BP-6328 at the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (NIBH) 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi Ibaraki-ken 305-8566 JAPAN since April 21, 1998, and under accession number IFO 50487 at the Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Foundation (IFO) since April 21, 1998. - -